REPORTS OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

SHRI R. K. DHAWAN (Andhra Pradesh) : I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Reports of the Public Accounts Committee :—

(i) Forty-first Report on action taken on 136th Report (8th Lok Sabha) on Income escaping assessment.

(ii) Forty-third Report on action taken on 169th Report (8th Lok Sabha) on Heavy Water Plant, Tuticorin.

MESSAGE FROM THE LOK SABHA

The Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992

SECRETARY-GENERAL : Madam, I have to report to the House the following message received from the Lok Sabha signed by the Secretary General of the Lok Sabha :

"I am directed to inform Rajya Sabha that Lok Sabha, at its sitting held on Wednesday, the 3rd March, 1993, adopted the following motion in regard to the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992 which was passed by Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1992 and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 23rd December, 1992 :—

MOTION

'That leave be granted to withdraw the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Bill, 1992 which was passed by Rajya Sabha on the 22nd December, 1992 and laid on the Table of Lok Sabha on the 23rd December, 1992'.

Thereafter, the Bill was withdrawn."

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I move :

"That in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958) read with sub-rule (1) of rule 4 of the National Shipping Board Rules, 1960, this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two members from among the members of the House to be members of the National Shipping Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENT REGARDING MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS ORDINANCE, 1993

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) explaining the circumstances which had necessitated immediate legislation by the Multimodal Transportation of Goods Ordinance, 1993.

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 3505/93].

THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS BILL, 1993

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the regulation of the multimodal transportation of goods, from any place in India to a place outside India, on the basis of a multimodal transport contract and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh) : I am on a point of order. Madam, under article 365 of the Constitution...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : But for a point of order, there is no discussion.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : May I make a submission ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes.